

# **WISCONSIN EPI EXPRESS**

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*The WISCONSIN EPI EXPRESS provides a regular update on communicable disease issues of importance in our state and is intended primarily for participants in the public health surveillance system. Please let us know if the topics covered are on target or if there are others that we should be addressing. Thank you. Herb Bostrom: [bostrhh@dhfs.state.wi.us](mailto:bostrhh@dhfs.state.wi.us)*

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## **1. SCHOOL HIV/AIDS POLICY TOOL KIT**

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, in collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, developed the *School HIV/AIDS Policy Tool Kit* to assist school board members and school staff in developing policies and procedures to address HIV/AIDS-related issues in schools. The purpose of the tool kit is to increase the number of Wisconsin schools implementing HIV/AIDS-related policies and procedures that are scientifically and legally sound.

The *School HIV/AIDS Policy Tool Kit* references Wisconsin statutes, includes policy examples, and identifies Wisconsin resources related to HIV policy development. The tool kit contains four parts:

- an overview of the tool kit,
- a primer on HIV/AIDS, review terminology, basic information about HIV/AIDS, transmission, HIV/AIDS testing, and the epidemic in Wisconsin
- policy guidance and use of the DPI Comprehensive School Health Program (CSHP) as a framework for addressing HIV/AIDS policies and procedures
- resources for policy development, including assessment and planning tools, guidance and recommendations from state and national organizations, and selected publications.

The tool kit provides a framework and is not intended to replace the advice of legal counsel in development of school districts' policies and procedures.

Additional information about the *School HIV/AIDS Policy Tool Kit* is available on the Internet at <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlse/sspw/tadocs.html> or through the following contact information:

Student Services/Prevention and Wellness Team  
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction  
125 South Webster Street  
P.O. Box 7841  
Madison, WI 53707-7841  
608-267-9354  
800-441-4563

## **2. HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS SEMINARS: FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR ISOLATION & DECONTAMINATION CAPACITY**

### **Program Description:**

Wisconsin Hospitals are eligible for funding from the HRSA Cooperative Agreement to enhance isolation and decontamination capacity. These seminars will provide information to help hospitals use the FY 2003 HRSA funds that have been awarded in enhancing their negative pressure airborne isolation rooms.

Hospitals will also learn about funds that will be available from the FY 2003 HRSA funds to enhance existing decontamination stations in addition to obtaining portable decontamination stations, if needed, along with decontamination suits, Positive Airway Pressure Respirators (PAPRs) and training.

Hospitals will also learn what funds will be available from the FY 2004 HRSA funds to continue the enhancement of isolation and decontamination capacity.

### **Who Should Attend:**

- Infection Control Practitioners
- Directors of Plant Operations
- Security and Safety Directors
- ER Staff
- Disaster Preparedness Committee
- Bioterrorism Coordinators

### **Where and When:**

Tuesday, April 6, 2004, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Thursday, April 8, 2004, Lake of the Torches Resort, Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

### **Sponsors :**

The Wisconsin Hospital Association, the Wisconsin Division of Public Health, Hospital Bioterrorism Preparedness Program and the seven Regional Hospital Preparedness Teams sponsor these seminars.

### **Program:**

	<b>Isolation Capacity</b>	<b>Decontamination Capacity</b>
8:00 – 8:30	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
8:30 – 8:35	<b>Welcome</b>  Presenter: Judi Nelson (Lac du Flambeau) Presenter: Lori Beierle (Madison)	<b>Welcome</b>  Presenter: James Monarski (Lac du Flambeau) Presenter: Paul Hable (Madison)
8:35 – 9:30	<b>Isolation Goals for the State of Wisconsin</b> - a summary of the Negative pressure airborne isolation room (NPAir) capacity at hospitals in the State of Wisconsin along with recommendations for long-term plans for NPAir at hospitals  Presenter: Dennis Tomczyk	<b>Decontamination Goals for the State of Wisconsin</b> - a description of the specifications for the fixed decontamination facility and the recommendation from the State Expert Panel regarding how hospitals should do decontamination on a day-to-day basis and in a mass casualty event  Presenter: Doug Birlingmair

9:35 – 10:30	<b>Regulations and Codes Governing the Construction of NPAir</b> – a discussion of the requirements and recommendations for the construction of NPAir Presenter: David Soens	<b>Decontamination Training</b> - a description of the training that will be available to hospitals in the State of Wisconsin for training staff to do decontamination Presenter: Doug Birlingmair
10:30 – 10:45	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45 – 11:45	<b>Portable NPAir Units</b> – a presentation of the various types of portable equipment that is available to create NPAir in the hospital  Presenter: Francene Kaplan	<b>Decontamination at the University of Wisconsin Hospital</b> – a presentation of a state-of-the-art decontamination station for day-to-day and mass decontamination capacity Presenters: Liz Brown & Tracy Buchman
11:45 – 12:30	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
12:30 – 1:25	<b>Options for NPAir Surge Capacity</b> – a presentation of the recommendations from the State Expert Panel on how a hospital can increase NPAir surge capacity in an outbreak of airborne infectious disease Presenter: TBD	<b>Decontamination Equipment</b> – a discussion of the decontamination suits, PAPRs and other equipment that will be available to hospitals this year from the FY 2003 HRSA Grant. Presenter: Philip Niemer
1:25 – 2:20	<b>HEPA Filters and UV Lighting</b> – a discussion on the protocols for monitoring and maintaining NPAir and the use of HEPA filters and UV lighting. Presenters: Liz Brown	<b>Mass Decontamination</b> – a presentation on options available to hospitals, large and small, for the mass decontamination of patients. Presenters: TBD
2:20 – 2:35	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
2:35 – 3:20	<b>FY 2004 HRSA Grant Funding</b> – a presentation of the funds that will be available to hospitals in CY 2005 to continue the enhancement of NPAir Presenter: Dennis Tomczyk	<b>Portable Decontamination Units</b> – a presentation on the portable decontamination units that will be available to hospitals from the FY 2003 HRSA funds Presenter: Philip Niemer
3:25 – 4:00	<b>Surveillance</b> – a presentation on the initiatives being undertaken by the State of Wisconsin to implement electronic surveillance  Presenter: Lorna Will	<b>FY 2004 HRSA Grant Funding</b> - a presentation of the funds that will be available to hospitals in CY 2005 to continue the enhancement of decontamination capacity Presenter: Dennis Tomczyk

**Presenters :**

- Doug Birlingmair, Hazardous Materials Specialist, Waukesha Memorial Hospital
- Liz Brown, PE, Senior Vice President, Henneman Raufeisen and Associates, Inc.
- Tracy Buchman, Director of Safety & Hazard Control, University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics
- James Monarski, Region 2 HRSA Project Coordinator
- Judi Nelson, Risk Manager, Howard Young Health Care
- Philip Niemer, Director of Safety and Security, Franciscan Skemp Healthcare
- David Soens, Quality Assurance Engineer, Bureau of Quality Assurance, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services
- Francene Kaplan, Marketing the Essentials, Inc.
- Dennis Tomczyk, Director, Hospital Bioterrorism Preparedness Program, Wisconsin Division of Public Health
- Lorna Will, Bioterrorism Surveillance Epidemiologist, Wisconsin Division of Public Health

- Lori Beierle, Region 5 HRSA Project Coordinator
- Paul Hable, Director of Laboratory and Safety, Fort Health Care

### **Registration Information:**

#### **Deadline**

The deadline for registration is March 31, 2004.

#### **Special Needs**

If you have any special needs with which we can help you, please let us know.

#### **Sleeping Accommodations**

A block of rooms has been reserved at both the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Madison (608-244-4703) or (800-2CROWNE) and at the Lake of the Torches Resort in Lac du Flambeau (715-588-9200) or (800-25TORCH). All rooms are available at the state rate of \$62 (single/double). Please make your reservations as early as possible.

#### **Cancellations**

Cancellation of registration received by March 31, 2004 will be given a full refund, after that no refunds will be available.

#### **Registration Fee**

The Registration Fee for the workshop is \$30, payable by check in advance. Please make checks payable to Wisconsin Division of Public Health and mail the following registration information along with the registration fee to:

Hospital Bioterrorism Preparedness Program  
Wisconsin Division of Public Health  
1 W. Wilson Street, Room 250  
Madison, WI 53702

Name of Hospital/Organization	
Address	
City, State and Zip Code	
1 <sup>st</sup> Attendee	
Title	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Attendee	
Title	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	

If there are more than 2 attendees, please copy this page and list the other attendees.

### **Questions or Further Information:**

If you have any questions or need further information about these workshops, please contact:

Dennis Tomczyk  
Director, Hospital Bioterrorism Preparedness  
608-266-3128  
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### **3. BCD SPRING SEMINARS 2004**

Reminder: The BCD Spring Seminars are scheduled in April 2004 at the various regions in Wisconsin. Last day for registration is Monday, March 22, 2004. Please find the seminars posted on the HAN. They will also be posted on the web: [http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/R\\_Counties/index.htm](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/R_Counties/index.htm)

#### **Telephone Reporting of Unusual Disease Occurrences**

*Occurrences of diseases that are uncommon or atypical in Wisconsin, and outbreaks or clusters of disease which are identified, should be reported by phone as soon as possible, to (608) 258-0099. Reports may be made to this number on a 24/7 basis, but please do not use it for normal and routine disease reporting*

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